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SERIAL NO.: 10/783,015

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FOR: Improved Christmas Tree Stand

GROUP ART UNIT: 3632

EXAMINER: N. Morrison

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- ☒ Also enclosed is/are: **FOUR (4) REPLACEMENT SHEETS (FIGS. 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 5, 5A, 6, and 6A)**

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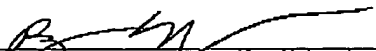
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In re Application of: ) Examiner: Morrison, Naschica Sanders  
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Dear Sirs:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are presented on page 2.

Amendments to the specification are presented on page 3.

Amendments to the drawings are set forth on page 4, and included in the  
attached REPLACEMENT SHEETS.

Remarks/Arguments being on page 5.